

ELECTION AND REMARK

Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group 1 corresponding to **Claim 1-23 and 26-31** for continued prosecution at this time. Applicants' election is with traverse as to Groups 2-3 for the following reasons:

Group 2 – **Claim 24** relates to a process for preparing citalopram, followed by subjecting the crude mixture of citalopram to the purification process according to claim 1.

Group 3 – **Claim 25** relates to a process for preparing citalopram, followed by subjecting the crude mixture of citalopram to the purification process according to claim 1.

Claims 24 and 25 therefore include all the features of claim 1, (in the elected Group 1 invention) which was found to be patentable by the PCT examiner.

As the groups 2 and 3 are combinations with the specific process steps of the Group 1 (*e.g.* claim 1) invention, no restriction can be sustained as between a combination including the specific subcombination. See MPEP 806.05(c). I.

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Therefore, reconsideration and modification of the restriction to include **Claims 1-25 and 26-31** within the election invention is requested.

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